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1. SUMMARY - SECOND DAY RUNNING, LARGEST CIRCULATION UNITEDDAILY NEWS (380,000) OCTOBER 17 DISCUSSED POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES SECRETARY KISSINGER'S UPCOMING PRC VISIT; SAID ONLY "TIME" AND "FORM" INVOLVED IN EVENTUAL U.S. DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION PRC. PREDICTED U.S. MAY FALL INTO MAOIST TRAP AND EXCHANGE TAIPEI EMBASSY FOR PEKING LIAISON OFFICE. END SUMMARY.

2. UNITED DAILY NEWS SPECIAL COLUMNIST JAMES WANG, DISCUSSING POSSIBLE U.S.-PRC DEVELOPMENTS ON EVE KISSINGER'S VISIT, SAID ONLY "TIME" AND "FORM" INVOLVED IN EVENTUAL U.S. DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION PRC. TWO DECISIVE FACTORS ARE HOW LONG MAO TSE-TUNG LIVES AND THE 1976 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. GIVEN VARIOUS
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PROS AND CONS, U.S. COULD BE FALLING INTO MAOIST TRAP

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WHEREBY U.S. WOULD EXCHANGE TAIPEI EMBASSY FOR LIAISON OFFICE IN PEKING. PURPOSE WOULD BE LESSEN U.S. DOMESTIC POLITICAL FRICTIONS. HOWEVER, WANG SAW NO PRECIPITIOUS NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS DURING FORD'S PRC VISIT OR BEFORE 1976 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, UNLESS U.S. MAKES SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSIONS OR FALLS INTO MAOIST TRAP. UNDER KISSINGER'S "GRADUAL" AND "STEP-BY-STEP" DIPLOMACY THERE NO REASON FOR U.S. IMPATIENCE AT THIS TIME. MORE IMPORTANT IS FOR TAIWAN GRASP ALL ASPECTS AND PERSUADE U.S. REEVALUATE BOTH ROC AND PRC STRENGTHS.
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